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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAID, ETRD, EFIS, TN, UR  
SUBJECT: SOVIET AID/TRADE WITH TONGA

REF: WELLINGTON 1697

1. DURING A RECENT NINE-DAY VISIT TO TONGA, THE SOVIET COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR BASED IN WELLINGTON, F.I. SHPOTA, MET WITH PRIME MINISTER PRINCE FATAFEHI TU'IPELEHAKE AND LABOR, COMMERCE, AND INDUSTRIES MINISTER, BARON VAEA. WITH THESE AND OTHER TONGAN OFFICIALS, HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE DISCUSSED POSSIBLE SOVIET FISHERIES ASSISTANCE AND PROPOSALS FOR UPGRADING FU'A'MOTU AIRFIELD. BARTER TRADE ARRANGEMENTS WERE SUGGESTED AND AN OFFER OF A LONG-TERM COPRA CONTRACT WAS MADE. NO AGREEMENTS WERE CONCLUDED AND ON SOME QUESTIONS IT WAS LEFT TO THE TONGANS TO PUT FORWARD

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SPECIFIC PROPOSALS. THE TONGAN RESPONSE TO THE VISIT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN GUARDED.

2. WHILE IT IS TOO EARLY TO ASSESS THE LIKELIHOOD OF CONCRETE RESULTS EMERGING FROM THEVISIT, IT APPEARS THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT GIVEN UP HOPE OF ESTABLISHING A FISHERIES FOOTHOLD IN TONGA. SELDEN

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